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From: Meghan Stapleton [meghan_stapleton@gov.state.ak.us]
Sent: Thursday, January 11, 2007 7:50 PM
To: 'Sarah Palin'; mike_tibbles@gov.state.ak.us; john_bitney@gov.state.ak.us
Cc: meghan_stapleton@gov.state.ak.us
Subject: LATEST DRAFT OF SOS
Importance: High

Thank you.

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From: Meghan Stapleton [meghan_stapleton@gov.state.ak.us]
Sent: Thursday, January 11, 2007 5:12 PM
To: 'Sarah Palin'; Tibbles; Michael A (GOV); Perry; Kristina Y (GOV)
Subject: RE: Re: Lieutenant Governor's Report: January 11, 2007

I've tasked Sharon Leighow with working on development and implementation of the Governor's newsletter. It may take a little bit – as we are looking for a different level of presentation, but hope to have something by the end of the month. I've asked for a weekly newsletter – hopefully without too much redundancy.

From: Sarah Palin [mailto:govpalin@yahoo.com]
Sent: Thursday, January 11, 2007 4:51 PM
To: meghan_stapleton@gov.state.ak.us; mike_tibbles@gov.state.ak.us; kris_perry@gov.state.ak.us
Subject: Fwd: Re: Lieutenant Governor's Report: January 11, 2007

Sarah Palin <govpalin@yahoo.com> wrote:
Date: Thu, 11 Jan 2007 17:50:38 -0800 (PST)
From: Sarah Palin <govpalin@yahoo.com>
Subject: Re: Lieutenant Governor's Report: January 11, 2007
To: Lt Governor Sean Parnell <Lt_Governor@gov.state.ak.us>

Looks great!!!

Congratulations on this great product. This site will serve Alaskans well.

Sarah Palin

Lt Governor Sean Parnell <Lt_Governor@gov.state.ak.us> wrote:

Lieutenant Governor's Report

By Lieutenant Governor Sean Parnell

January 11, 2007

WELCOME!

Welcome to the first edition of my Lieutenant Governor Report. I encourage you to take a look at my website, where the report is also accessible with additional links to photos and available articles. This report is intended to keep Alaskans informed of the Palin/Parnell Administration's progress and efforts. Each report will include highlights on state and community events, as well as citizen or other human interest spotlights. At the end of this report, I ask readers to contribute pictures and citizen nominations, so please keep your cameras ready to capture Alaska's beauty and your eyes and ears open to honor those in your community.

BUILDING AN ADMINISTRATION

The transition process was a bit of a whirlwind as Governor Palin and I began meetings with prospective gas pipeline project sponsors the first two days after being sworn in. Afterward, things calmed down somewhat, though I still faced the bittersweet and

slightly daunting task of transitioning out of my law firm.

After our victory in the general election, Governor Palin put in place a transition team to compile information on the former administration's management of state government and to identify issues that lie ahead. The governor appointed me to lead her budget transition team, and with the help of experienced budget people such as Ted Leonard, Mark Hanley, Kip Knudsen, John Bitney, and the staff at the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), we helped the Governor achieve her initial goal of proposing a balanced budget on December 15th.

As the transitions teams helped us gain deeper insight into what shape our State is in, Governor Palin began building her team of capable, ethical commissioners. It has been an honor every step of the way to fight and serve alongside Governor Palin, and I look forward to even more teamwork in the future as I serve as her Lieutenant.

GAS PIPELINE MEETINGS
The Governor and I, along with Acting Department of Natural Resources Commissioner Marty Rutherford, met with 12 different groups on December 5th and 6th, our first days in office, to discuss moving forward on a gas pipeline. The attendees included:

Alaska Gasline Port Authority - Alaska Natural Gas Development Authority - BG Group - BP Alaska - Chevron - ConocoPhillips - Enbridge - ExxonMobil - MidAmerican Energy Holdings Company - SEMCO - Shell Oil - TransCanada.

Many interesting ideas were suggested, and the Governor and I look forward to receiving proposals from interested companies. The Governor named Acting Commissioner Marty Rutherford (DNR) as her team lead on gas pipeline issues. I anticipate Acting Commissioner Rutherford and her team will complete an assessment of the funds and resources available to the state to evaluate any proposals that might come. Additionally, the team is developing legislation for this upcoming session to move a gas pipeline nearer to reality. Finally, with President Bush's appointment of former Alaska State Senator Drue Pearce as the Federal Pipeline Coordinator, we look forward to working more closely with the federal government in advancing a gas pipeline in Alaska's interests.

172nd STRYKER BRIGADE RE-DEPLOYMENT AND RE-FLAGGING CEREMONIES

Alaska's celebrated 172nd Stryker Brigade returned home in early December, and I was honored to attend their Re-deployment ceremony with Governor Palin and the Re-flagging ceremony two days later. While in Iraq, the 172nd Stryker Brigade earned worldwide respect for bravery and steadfastness in battle. The Stryker Brigade's commitment to freedom was proven repeatedly, and it was extremely gratifying to see them rewarded after long and dangerous hours across 16 months defending liberty and human rights.

C 84th ENGINEER COMPANY RE-DEPLOYMENT
Later on in December I spoke at the re-deployment of the C 84th Engineer Company. These Army Engineers are some of our bravest, unsung heroes of this war so far. They worked doggedly to ensure the safety of their fellow troops in Iraq. Whether building structures in Baghdad or setting records as they performed dangerous, back-breaking road construction on main and alternate travel routes (in the dead of night with bright spotlights illuminating them as they worked—making them vulnerable), these men and women diligently served our country and made all Alaskans proud.

PRAYER AND REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

On January 3rd, I attended the Prayer and Remembrance Service for Fort Richardson soldiers SGT Brennan C. Gibson, SPC Phillip C. Ford, and SPC Shawn M. Murphy. It was with a heavy, but grateful, heart that I listened to the stories of their lives and courageous service. All three soldiers left widows and, in some cases, children behind. These men and their families paid the ultimate price for freedom, and words cannot express the depth of my sorrow and gratitude. We are honored to have our state and country represented by men and families such as these.

ANCHORAGE POLICE DEPARTMENT GRADUATION

As a young boy, I looked up to my uncle, who was a police officer. I learned a lot about sacrificial public service from him. Since then, I have greatly respected and esteemed police officers, and it was an honor to speak to the newest graduating class from Anchorage Police Department Academy 06-2. These men and women committed to serving our city, enforcing laws, and working hard to provide safe homes, parks, and schools for us and our families. For willingly seeking out and training hard to receive a challenging and often thankless job, I thank them now. We need and appreciate your hard work and sacrifice. Welcome to the ranks of Anchorage's Finest!

STAFF SPOTLIGHT

Chief of Staff, Jim Merriner

Jim Merriner, a lifelong Alaskan, has worked as a commercial fisherman in Bristol Bay for 21 years. After graduating from Dillingham High School in 1988, Jim went on to get his Bachelors of European History from Harvard College, received his Teaching Certification from UAF, and later pursued his Masters of Philosophy in Educational Leadership and School Development at Cambridge University. Most recently he served briefly as the school administrator in Kipnuk with Deb, his wife of 15 years, and their four children. As Chief of Staff, Jim oversees Lieutenant Governor Parnell's Juneau and Anchorage offices, acting as a policy advisor to the Lieutenant Governor and assisting him as needed. If you have any questions regarding the Division of Elections or policy issues, please email Jim or contact him in Juneau at (907) 465-3520. Welcome aboard, Jim!

FUTURE REPORTS

You know, these Lieutenant Governor Reports are not so much intended to be about the person of the Lieutenant Governor, but the position, and leveraging it for your benefit. Therefore, I want to hear back from you, my fellow Alaskans, with points of public interest or private citizens to honor, and I'd enjoy sharing photos you have taken from around the state that highlight Alaska's beauty, culture, and people. Please email your submission for consideration to Kate Morgan. I look forward to hearing back from you and eagerly anticipate your contributions!

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From: Sarah Palin [govpalin@yahoo.com]
Sent: Thursday, January 11, 2007 12:34 PM
To: mike_tibbles@gov.state.ak.us
Subject: Fwd: A few items

Sean Parnell <sparnell@alaska.com> wrote:

Date: Wed, 10 Jan 2007 22:52:59 -0900
From: Sean Parnell <Privileged or Person>
Subject: A few items
To: 'sarah' <spalin@mtaonline.net>

Governor

1. Stanton Katchatag: I went to the memorial service for Stanton Katchatag yesterday, a Unalakleet elder, AFN Elder of the Year, and husband of Irene for 69 years. Most touching was Irene (the widow) singing "How Great Thou Art" in Inupiaq and when she finished Irene proclaimed with conviction, "God is great!"
2. Drue Pearce/Gas Pipeline: Privileged or Personal Material Redacted
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3. Privileged or Personal Material Redacted
4. Ft. Rich. Memorial Service: Thursday, I'll represent the state at another memorial service for servicemen killed in Iraq.
5. Juneau Schedule: I'll be in Juneau next week from Sunday to Sunday. After the second week of the session, I'll plan to be in Juneau on a Monday to Wednesday or Tuesday to Thursday schedule. As the session goes on, I'll spend more time in the week with you in Juneau. And, of course, I'll be on call and will be there whenever you sound the siren and need me around. Look forward to being with you for your State of the State and Hooper Bay!

Regards,

Sean

Unknown

From: Sarah Palin [govpalin@yahoo.com]

Sent: Thursday, January 11, 2007 11:58 AM

To: Frye; Ivy J (GOV)

Subject: RE: Almost done

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Ivy Frye <ivy_frye@gov.state.ak.us> wrote:

> Ramona,
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> Thank you for sending me your resume. I appreciate it. At this time, there are several boards with vacancies. Are there any others you are interested in besides the Board of Regents? The Regents doesn't have any vacancies, but there are four terms expiring in March. I am in the preliminary stages of going through the applications for Governor Palin's consideration. At this stage, she hasn't made any firm decisions as she is still considering commissioner appointments.
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> Please don't hesitate to contact me if you need anything! My direct line is 465-3969.
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> Best regards,
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> Ivy
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> **From:** Ramona Reeves [mailto:reeves.ramona@gmail.com]
> **Sent:** Wednesday, January 10, 2007 10:14 PM
> **To:** Ivy Frye
> **Subject:** Re: Almost done
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> Ivy
> Here it is. I am including a cover letter that relates specifically to the University as it is my understanding that you are considering me for one of the two Board of Regents seats that are now vacant.
> If you want a different cover letter with a broader perspective I would be happy to write one like that also. If you need something else from me let me know and I will get it to you.
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> Thank you
> Ramona
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> On 1/10/07, **Ivy Frye** <ivy_frye@gov.state.ak.us> wrote:
> Thank you. Good to hear from you.
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> **From:** Ramona Reeves [mailto:reeves.ramona@gmail.com]
> **Sent:** Wednesday, January 10, 2007 11:55 AM
> **To:** Ivy Frye
> **Subject:** Almost done
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> Ivy
> I am sorry my ASAP on the resume is taking so long. It is almost done and I will send

it either later today or tomorrow.

Ramona

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From: Joe Balash [joe_balash@gov.state.ak.us]

Sent: Thursday, January 11, 2007 4:29 AM

To: govpalin@yahoo.com; Michael Tibbles

Subject: Update/report

Yesterday's meeting with Drue went very well. First, she described for us what she has been up to since being sworn in and what she is likely to be doing in the near term as it relates to the project. Then, Marty outlined what we are thinking and why...namely, that the SGDA failed the State and is unlikely to be a successful vehicle to advance the project. Given the principles outlined by the Governor, we have been hard at work crafting a bill to create a new mechanism to advance the project in a way that will protect our interests and begin to make the project "real".

She seemed receptive and positive and wanted to know how she could help. It was a perfect transition into a discussion about the use of the federal loan guarantees and the role of FERC. Her responses and recommendations were very encouraging and she has made herself available to help in any way that she can.

We can get into the details of what she thinks we need to do at a later point in time, but it will require some significant outreach efforts in DC. However, she remains convinced that everyone (our delegation, the White House, and the new Congress) want to know what they can do to help. It seems the previous administration did not want or seek any assistance in dealing with the commercial parties.

I am in meetings most of the day, but can step out at most any time to discuss further over the phone. Otherwise, I'll be in the office this weekend.

Joe

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From: Kris Perry [kris_perry@gov.state.ak.us]
Sent: Thursday, January 11, 2007 8:40 AM
To: 'Sarah Palin'; 'Kris Perry'; 'meghan_stapleton@gov.state.ak.us'; 'mike_tibbles@gov.state.ak.us'
Subject: RE: Re: RE: KWHL & the jet

I called Bob this morning and he put me on the air. His idea is that 5 to 10 non-profits could participate; the ADN could also participate by having it published w/the non-profits listed and cut-out raffle tickets for folks to mail in w/the $100. With ADN's circulation of 80,000+ they thought the 30,000 tickets could be easily achieved and the potential for more money raised. I told them great idea; we're continuing to explore; and we'll keep them posted.

From: Sarah Palin [mailto:govpalin@yahoo.com]
Sent: Thursday, January 11, 2007 6:27 AM
To: kris_perry@gov.state.ak.us; Kris Perry; meghan_stapleton@gov.state.ak.us; mike_tibbles@gov.state.ak.us
Subject: Fwd: Re: RE: KWHL & the jet

kris - would give him a call. i'm getting kids to school.
thanks!

djbob@acsalaska.net wrote:

> From: <djbob@acsalaska.net>
> To: Sarah Palin <govpalin@yahoo.com>
> Date: Thu, 11 Jan 2007 06:05:22 -0900
> Subject: Re: RE: KWHL & the jet
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> I have been up all night.
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> I have it all figured out with the jet.
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> It's so simple...it's scary.
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> Yes, still the raffle idea...but...
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> I have figured out the logistics.
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> Please call,
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> This is good....REAL good.
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> -Bob

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From: Kris Perry [kris_perry@gov.state.ak.us]

Sent: Thursday, January 11, 2007 4:57 PM

To: 'mike_tibbles@gov.state.ak.us'; 'Sarah Palin'

Subject: Joe, etc.

You may already be aware but Emil met w/Joey today and talked about a couple of different opportunities for him within the department. Emil was impressed and both were pleased with the meeting...he'll follow-up w/Joey next week on position.

I'm going to put Steve Menard in the receptionist position at least temporarily. He's interested in it and DCED needs to get squared away before that would be an option. We'll see how it goes.

Kris

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From: Mike Tibbles [mike_tibbles@gov.state.ak.us]
Sent: Thursday, January 11, 2007 9:35 PM
To: Sarah Palin
Subject: RE:

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Mike

From: Sarah Palin [mailto:govpalin@yahoo.com]
Sent: Thursday, January 11, 2007 9:16 PM
To: Debbie Joslin
Subject: Re:

Roger has a new boss now. That will obviously help. Roger has good ideas for education reform, but has needed an entire adminstration willing to tackle the challenges every area faces so that he can usher in the positive changes his department needs. Education has huge challenges, obviously, and Roger will help us meet them.

I appreciate your input and hope you will support the administration... we know we're not going to please everyone.

You, and homeschoolers in general, should know that I enthusiastically support homeschools and other alternative education venues.

Thank you Debbie,

Sarah

Debbie Joslin <joslin@wildak.net> wrote:

Hi Gov. Palin

I see that Roger Sampson was reappointed to EED. I know that Homeschoolers, especially those in state wide correspondence programs, were disappointed to hear this. I think many interpreted your new vision as including a new commissioner. I talked with Comm. Sampson last spring and we had a good visit but I did get the impression from him that he does not have a high opinion of Homeschoolers in general. I hope that we will be able to have some positive changes to the regs that were implemented under FM/Comm. Sampson. Is there any hope of this happening? I know there were concerns about a few individuals taking advantage of the system. I share those concerns and would like to work with you and the Commissioner to see if there are some less punitive ways to correct the problems that spurred these changes. Thank you for taking time to read my comments.

Debbie Joslin